



2010 Annual Report

OVERVIEW:

This past year saw a number of events that affected the Foxcroft community. Overall, it was a good year in 2010. This report will describe below the major occurrences of the year for the Association, as well as some things to look forward to. Please take the time to read it, and, as always, the Board welcomes your participation at the Annual Meeting on January 26 and your feedback throughout the year.

Financially, the Association remained strong and stayed within its budget. The decline in the real estate market continued to adversely affect the Association's income in the form of less initiation fees from new homeowners. Our big capital expense for the year was the \$15,000 for creation of the playfield in Phase IV. A financial statement including the 2010 Budget and Actual figures, as well as the proposed 2011 budget is available on the website (www.foxcroftcommunity.com), and will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. You can see that despite unexpected water costs, the Association remained under budget in 2010. Dues will remain at \$38.50 per month for 2011. The budget for next year calls for expenditures totaling \$68,436. The revenue projection for 2011 is also \$68,436. No major capital expenditures are expected in 2011, although the Board will be working on formalizing a long term capital plan during 2011.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **Phase IV Playfield:** The Phase IV playfield was completed this year. Before the field is ready for general use, we must be certain in the Spring that the grass has grown sufficiently to stabilize the area. It is expected that 2011 will see the field used for informal sports among neighborhood children, as well as a gathering place for Foxcroft social events.
- **Pool/Clubhouse repairs and replacements:** Once again, Chuck Miller and others provided invaluable volunteer service to the community by repairing and replacing items at the pool and clubhouse. This year, the bathroom floors were re-finished and showers repaired. In addition, a significant plumbing issue with the pipe leading to the main sewer line was investigated and repaired.
- **SNOW!:** Foxcroft experienced the most significant snowstorms in recent history in 2010. Plowing of the roads by VDOT was slow, but reasonable in the context of when other roads in the area were plowed. Overall, Foxcroft fared very well, despite the curb of one of the entrance islands being damaged by plows. That curb remains on VDOT's list to repair sometime in the first half of 2011.
- **Yard Sales:** We had successful annual Community Yard Sales in 2010, thanks, again, to Laura Fuddy who organized the events.
- **Social Events:** As usual, we had many successful social events this year. The dates of some standard events were changed and seemed to work favorably. Thank you to Brandy Yowell and Laurel Eberl for planning and organizing the social events.



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- Audit. Foxcroft was fortunate to have a resident professional, Jami Montambault, volunteer to audit its finances in 2010. Jami did an incredibly thorough job, and while she found that Foxcroft is in good financial condition, she did offer tips that the Board will implement in 2010 for even better record keeping.

Pool:

Thank you to Beth Keith, Jason Woodfin and Matt Wood for chairing the pool committee in 2010. They did an excellent job in making sure the pool was ready for everyone's enjoyment, and in organizing volunteers to close up the pool each night. Also, thank you to all those who volunteered for pool closer duty.

We used the same pool maintenance contractor, Water Pro, in 2010, and they did their usual outstanding job maintaining the water quality and cleanliness of the pool. We expect that Steve Browning, proprietor of Water Pro, will maintain our pool again in 2011.

Thank you to all Foxcroft residents for following the pool rules and cleaning up after themselves this year. Last year's annual report mentioned a few rules that were not being followed and hoped for greater rule compliance in 2010, and it seems we did see greater compliance in 2010. Great job! We all hope that will continue in 2011.

Social Activities:

Brandy Yowell chaired the social committee in 2010. Thank you to Brandy for planning and organizing both educational and fun social activities for our community. Most functions are announced by "Evite" (on-line invitation). If you are not receiving the "Evite" emails, provide Brandy with your email address so she can include you (or update your directory listing to include your e-mail address, and you will be automatically added to the Evite list).

Clubhouse Usage:

Clubhouse use remained steady this year, and Kris Miller remained in charge of coordinating reservations. The majority of the reservation requests are submitted via the Foxcroft web site. This is the most efficient way to handle these reservations. It is possible to view the calendar to determine if the time you want to use the clubhouse is available. You can then submit your reservation request through the web site. The reservation form can be found via the website at: www.foxcroftcommunity.com/clubhouse.html. Kris Miller can be contacted at froggy1151@embarqmail.com or 975-0033.



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Online Resources

The community website is www.foxcroftcommunity.com. If you are not looking at it, you should. The home page will announce recent changes or announcements. You can also find answers to many Frequently Asked Questions on the FAQ page, and the HOA page contains contact information for the officers and directors, as well as the Association's governing documents: covenants, rules and regulations, by-laws, etc. Current and archived Board of Directors meeting minutes and Community Newsletters can also be found on-line. Finally, there is a Forum section which allows neighbors to make announcements or post comments to the community.

Other ways of communicating with neighbors or getting information about the community include joining the Foxcroft Facebook group, or using the community e-mail mailing list. You can sign up for the mailing list via the website or, if you include an e-mail address in your directory update, you will automatically be put on the mailing list. Posts are made to the mailing list by sending an e-mail to community@foxcroftcommunity.com. However, the e-mail must be sent from an e-mail address that is subscribed to the mailing list. If you have multiple e-mail addresses, please keep that in mind when attempting to use the mailing list. Also, for mailing list purposes, please be sure the entire e-mail address is registered. While you may receive mail for an abbreviated address, you will not be able to send mail unless the entire, specific address is registered. For example, while johndoe@virginia.edu may receive mail, an e-mail sent from that account appears to originate from johndoe@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu. Therefore, if only the "@virginia.edu" address is registered, the mailing list will reject mail from the longer address. Please be sure the full address is registered if you want to be able to receive *and* post to the list.

Newsletter:

The newsletter continues to be a mainstay in keeping the community informed about issues, Board activities, and community events. The newsletter is produced by Stacey Donelan, and we look forward to additional newsletters in 2011. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Stacey at ssd3c@virginia.edu or 973-8745.

Neighborhood Watch (NW):

Laura Futty continues to be the coordinator of the Foxcroft Neighborhood Watch program. Unfortunately, our neighborhood did see a number of vehicle break-ins in 2010. Vigilance and a willingness to report suspicious activity remain important to help keep the neighborhood safe. If you see anything suspicious, please make a note of the time and description of the person or vehicle involved, and notify Laura or the police directly.



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Association Manager

Thanks to Katie Davis for another great year as our Association Manager in 2010. Katie is invaluable to the community. She has continued to work tirelessly toward maintaining and improving our community by constantly seeking cost-cutting measures and improved quality of services, and giving prompt attention to our maintenance needs. Many Foxcroft residents, particularly those who are not actively involved, may not realize the day-to-day efforts that are made to maintain the quality of life in Foxcroft, and Katie is primarily instrumental in carrying out those day-to-day tasks, so please thank her when you see her.

GOING FORWARD:

After three enjoyable years as president of the Foxcroft Owners Association, I will be stepping down as president in 2011. I will, however, continue to serve on the Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members for their dedication to the community, their thoughtful discussion of issues at meetings and their genuine concern for balancing the enforcement of our rules with the desire for good relations among neighbors. I would also like to thank all of those Foxcroft residents who take the time to volunteer on committees or to help during Community Work Days. It is that volunteerism that helps keep Foxcroft such a great neighborhood. Given the quality of our Board members and volunteers, I have no doubt that the Association and neighborhood will continue to thrive under new leadership in 2011.

This year will see the beginning of use of the playfield in Phase IV. In fact, it has already seen some use this winter as an improved landing pad to those sledding on the adjacent hill. We expect this will be a useful green space for the immediate future and the location of additional recreational space and equipment in the longer term.

There will likely be discussions in 2011 with neighboring associations, the County, and the State regarding proposed trails from the Biscuit Run State Park to connect to downtown Charlottesville in connection with our neighborhood trails. The proposed trails would allow connection by foot or bicycle to downtown, to the Rivanna Trail, and other locations. As these discussions develop, you can expect to hear more from your Board of Directors.

Your neighbors who volunteer play a key role in creating and maintaining the quality of life in Foxcroft that we all enjoy. The Community owes them a huge thank you. There are always opportunities for more people to participate. With greater participation on committees, less is required from each person. If you are able to help, please contact the committee chair or a Board member to let them know of your interest. We never turn away a volunteer!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you all for a wonderful 2010. We look forward to 2011, and hope for the continued support of our die-hard volunteers, as well as the participation of



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some new faces. Getting involved is a great way of getting to know your neighbors and of taking ownership in your community.